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PUC MEETINGS NOW VIEWABLE ON THE INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27, 2005 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today announced the availability of live and archived broadcasts of their business meetings over the Internet.

The Internet broadcasts are the result of an agreement between the PUC and CaliforniaAdmin.com (Admin). Each PUC business meeting will be carried live over the Internet and then archived for six months. Archives are available within 24 hours of the meeting. The archived meetings are divided into video clips for each PUC agenda item for quick access. Video clips can also be sent to others via email.

Admin operates similar webcasting services at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the New York Public Service Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Admin provides all equipment, labor, software, and Internet bandwidth to transmit and archive the PUC's meetings so there is no cost to the PUC. In return, Admin recovers its investment and operating expenses through the sale of subscriptions to parties interested in seeing or reviewing the PUC's business meetings.

"Our agreement with CaliforniaAdmin allows us to take advantage of advances in Internet information services," said Steve Larson, the PUC's Executive Director. "Subscriptions are available for purchase for those who wish to view the PUC's meetings but are unable to attend in person. For non-profit groups who might not be able to afford the service, the PUC has arranged for free passcodes."

Dennis Thomas, President of CaliforniaAdmin stated, “The issues the PUC discusses at its meetings provide an enormous amount of interesting information. We look forward to collecting and organizing that information into a useful format.”

Access to the webcasts are available on the PUC website and at CaliforniaAdmin.com. The PUC will continue to offer a telephone call-in number and an audio-only webcast.

For more information on the PUC, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov.

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